

BATMAN



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This school has secrets. So does she.

GOTHAM ACADEMY

FIRST YEAR

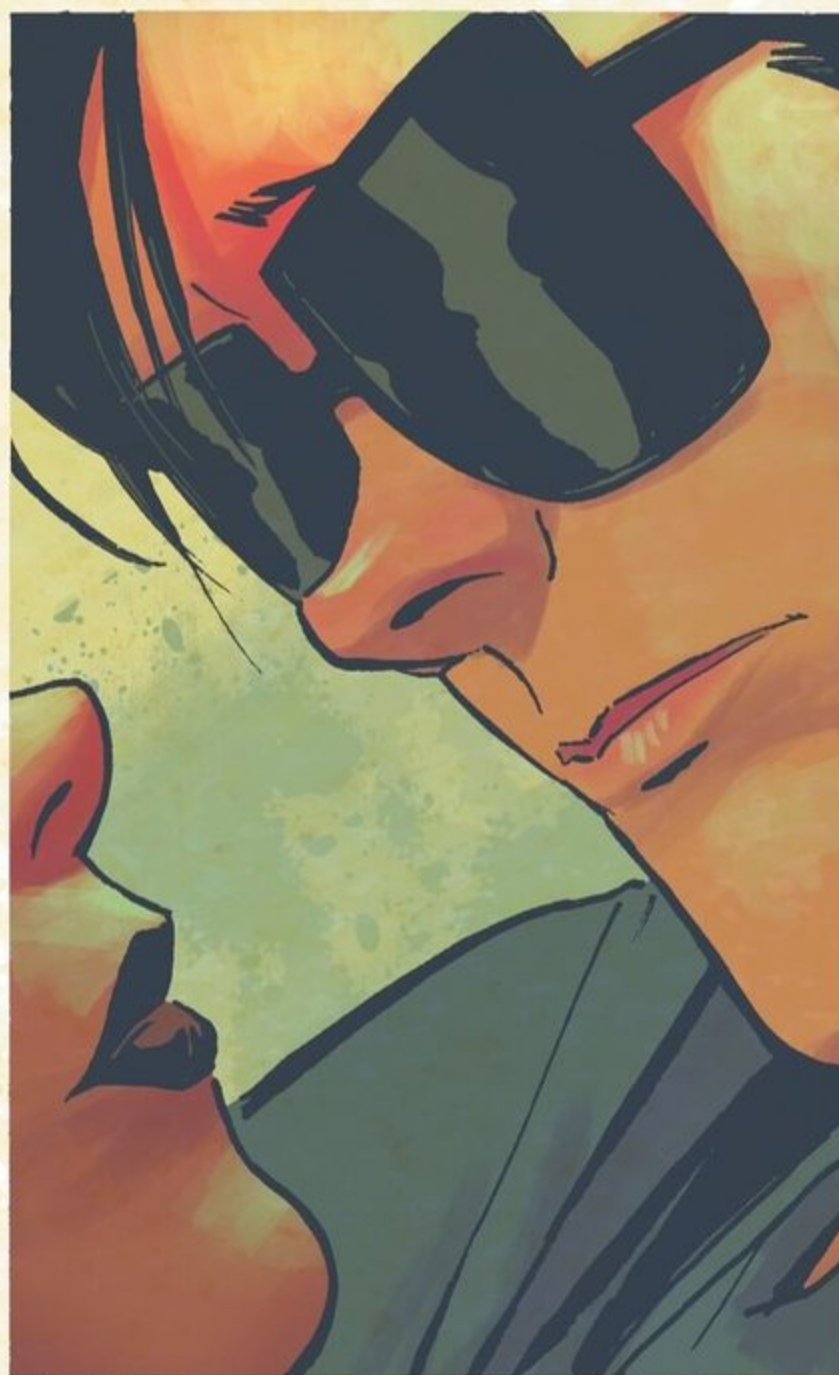
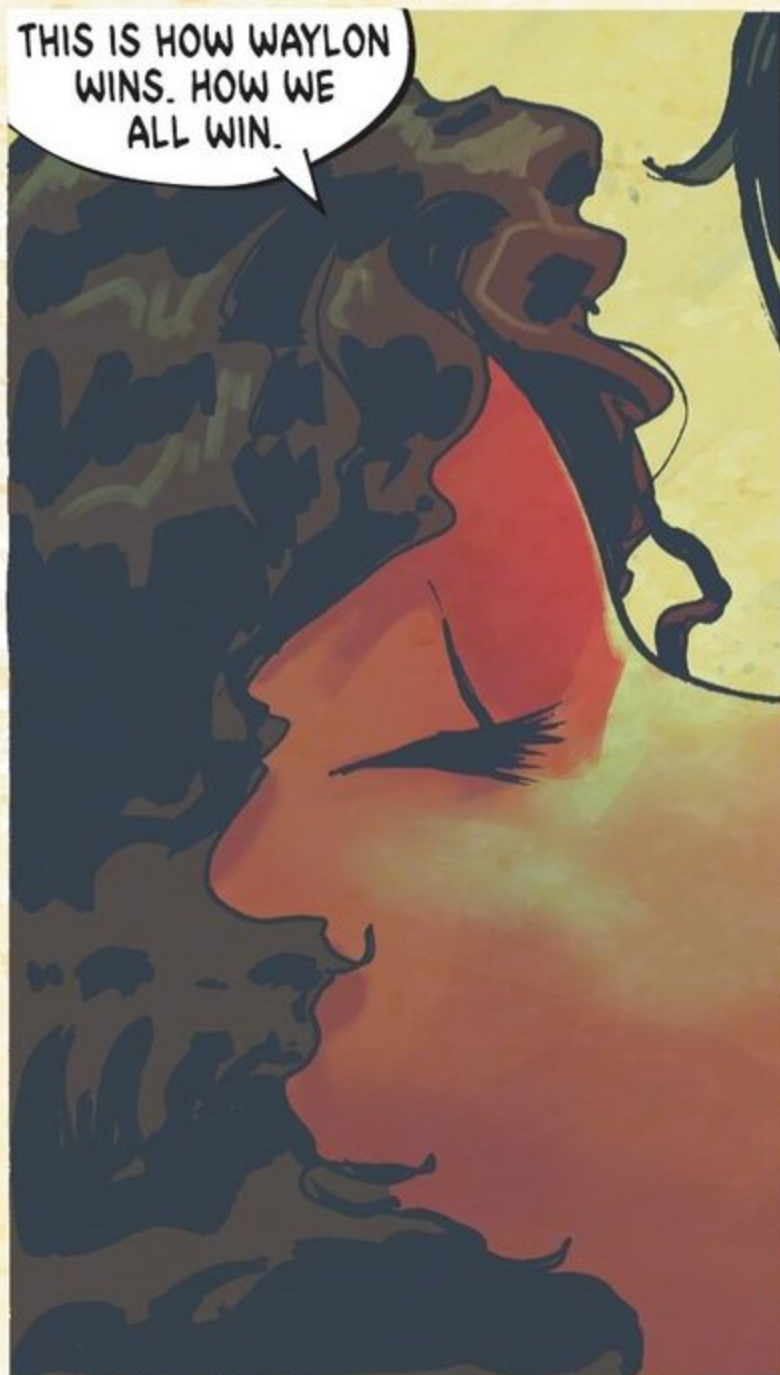
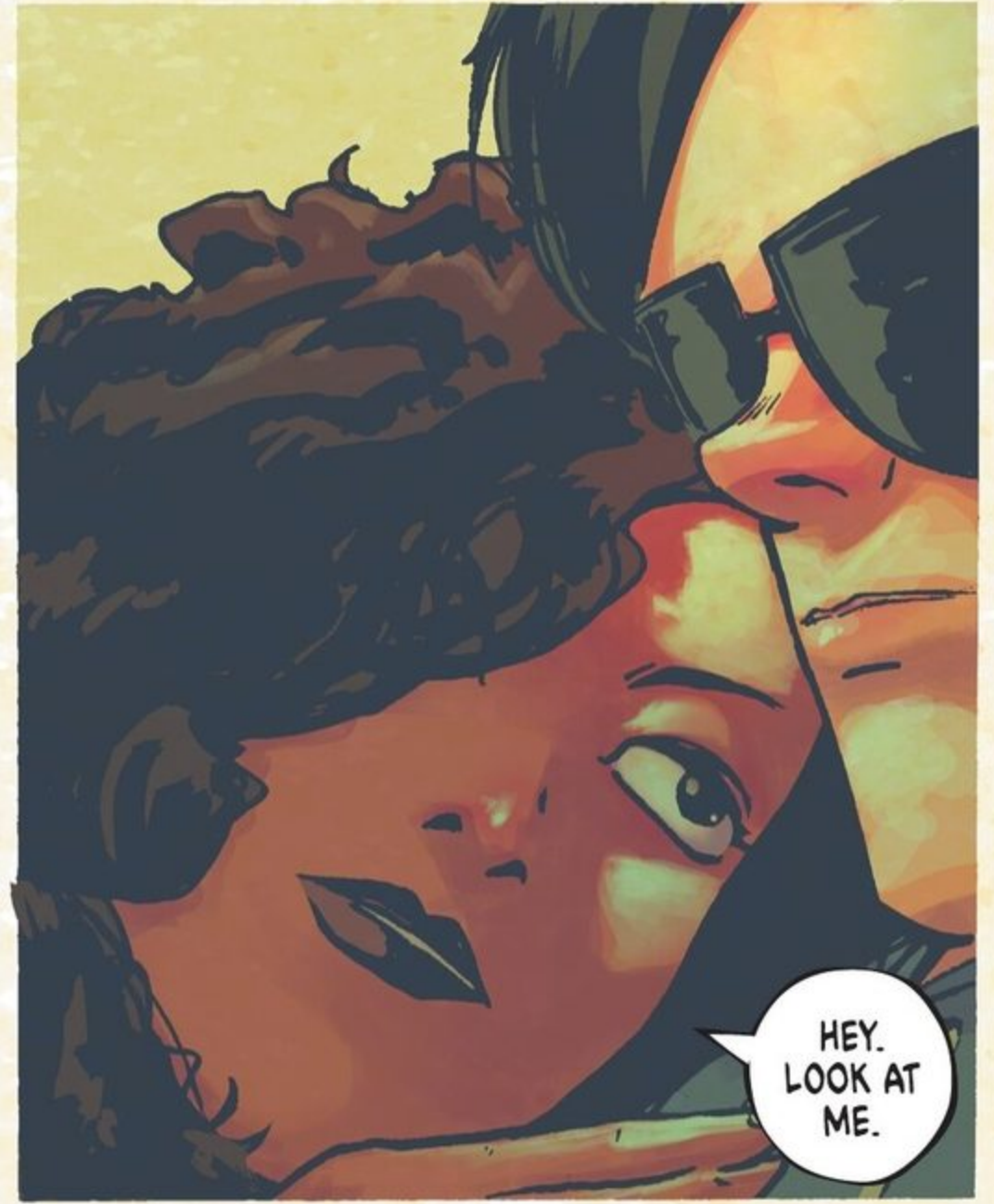


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6 issues
Go back to school this
OCTOBER



The background of the entire page is a stylized illustration of the back of a man's head and shoulders. The man has short, dark hair and is looking away from the viewer. His skin is a pale, yellowish-tan color. Overlaid on his back are a network of glowing, orange-yellow veins that spread from the base of his neck down his spine and across his shoulders. The background behind him is a dark, moody sky with swirling clouds in shades of deep blue, purple, and magenta. The overall tone is dramatic and mysterious.

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WHY ARE YOU *HERE*, SELINA?

LOOK AT US. OUR EARS MATCH. I'M HERE BECAUSE YOUR MOTHER CALLED ME.



I'LL ASK *ONE* MORE TIME.



SHE DID, ACTUALLY. BUT COME ON, BRUCE. YOU'VE BEEN MISSING FOR *MONTHS*. I WAS WORRIED, ALL RIGHT? I CAME TO HELP.



I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.



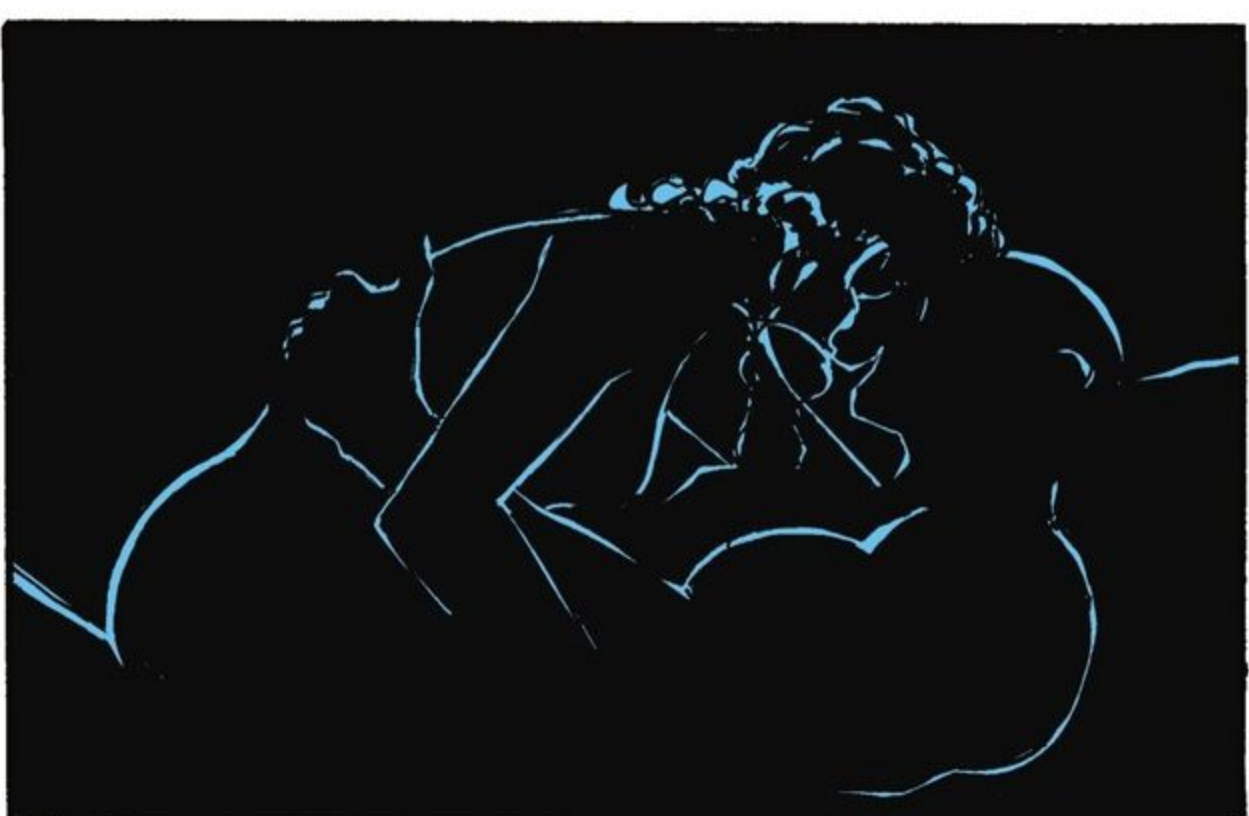
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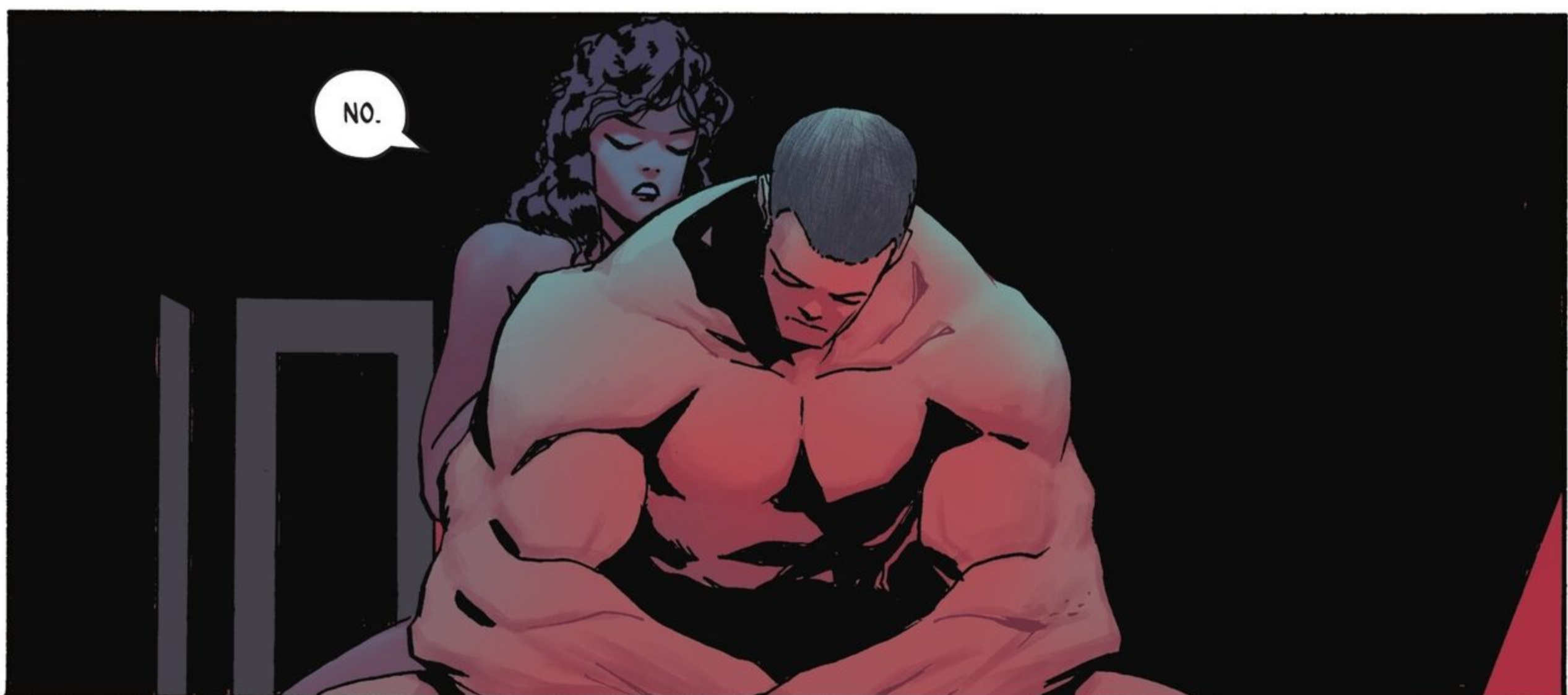
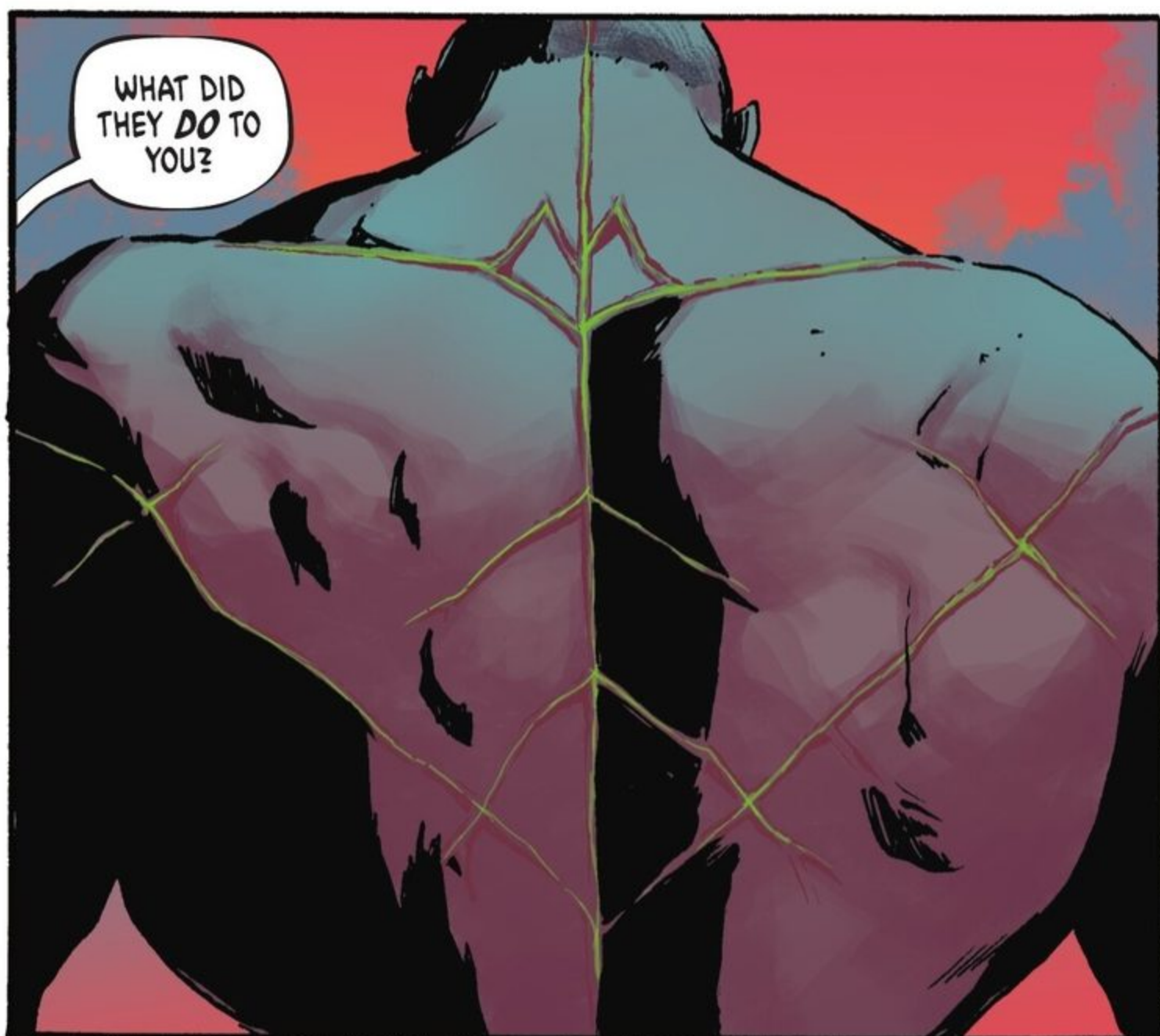
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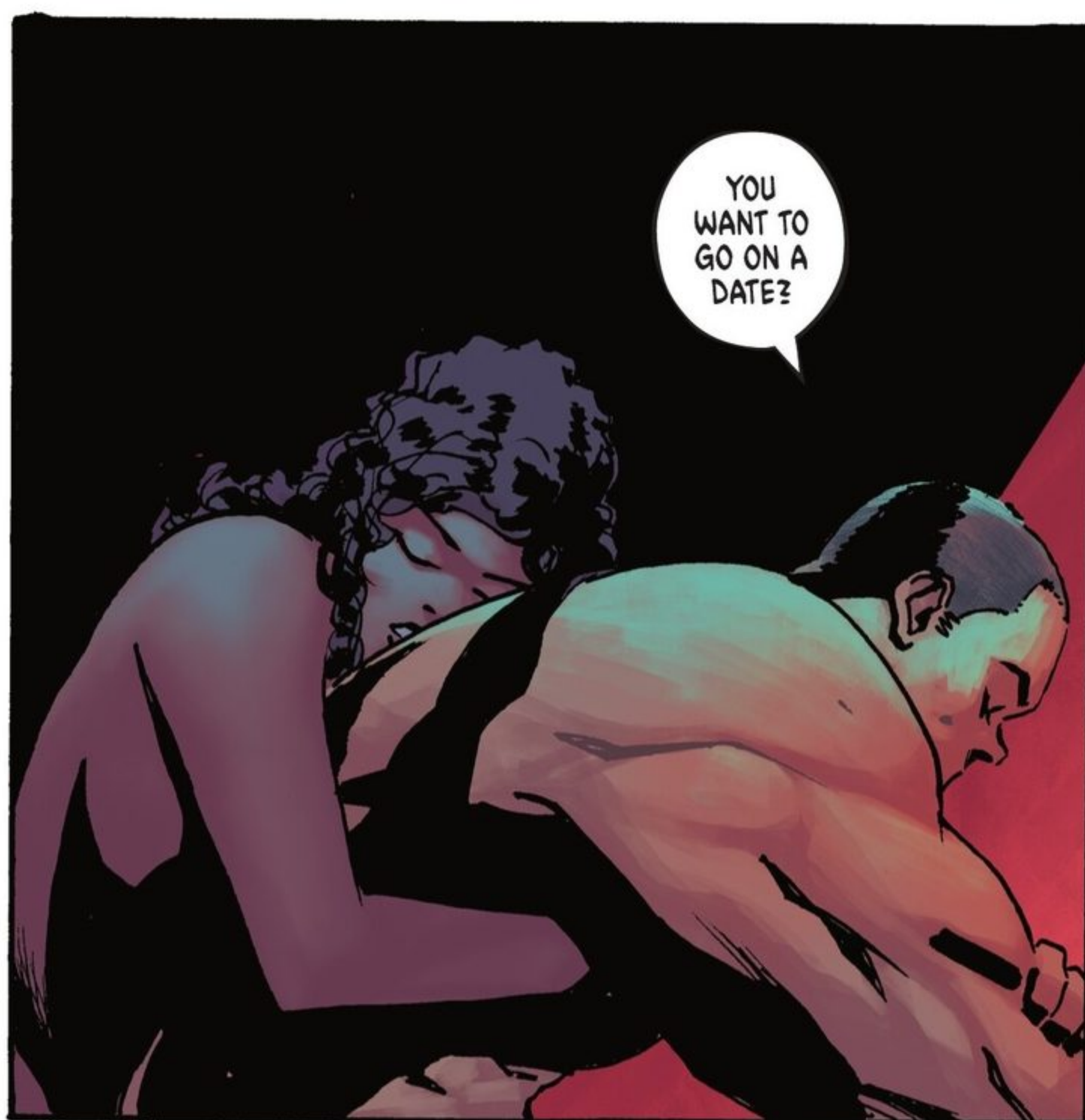
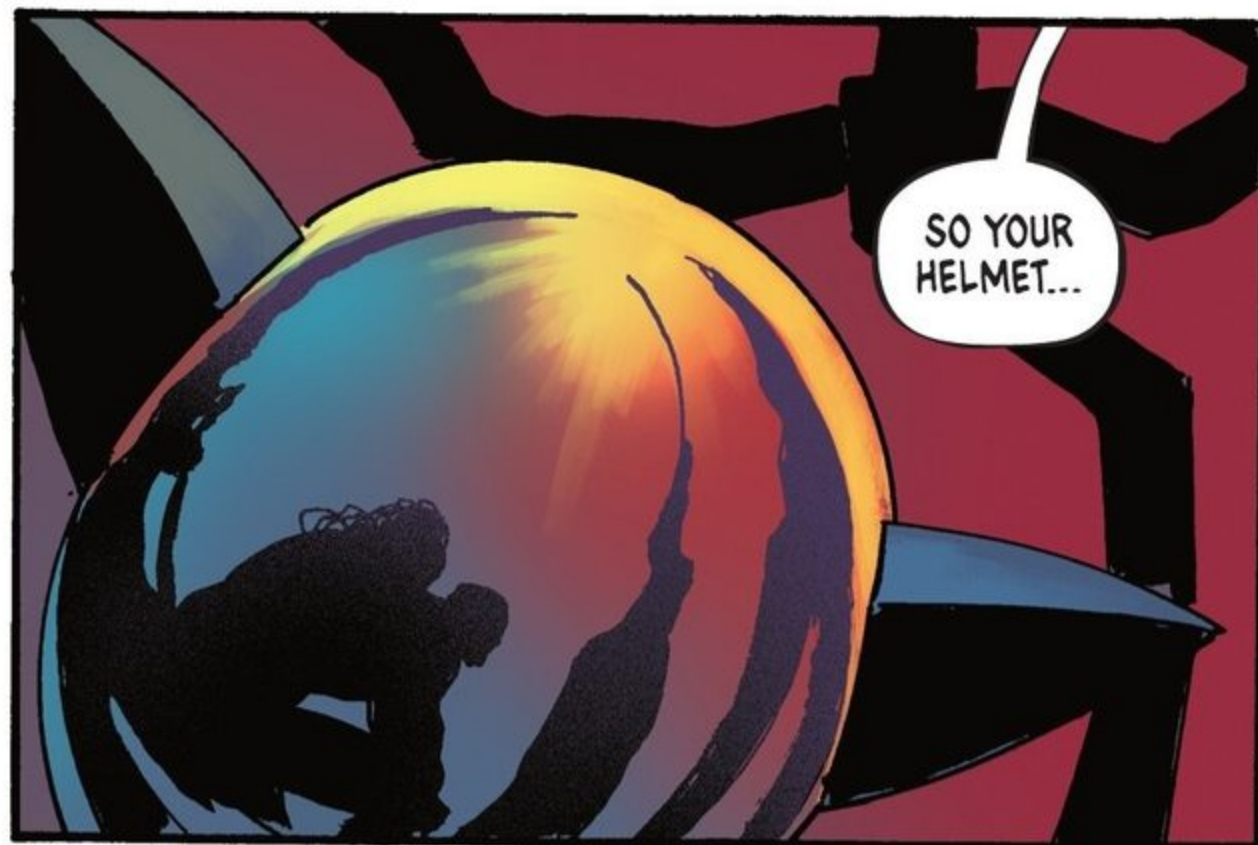


UNH... I... I'VE READ ABOUT YOU. *THE CATWOMAN*. WHAT YOU PULLED IN *PENANG*. NO LOYALTY, NO--

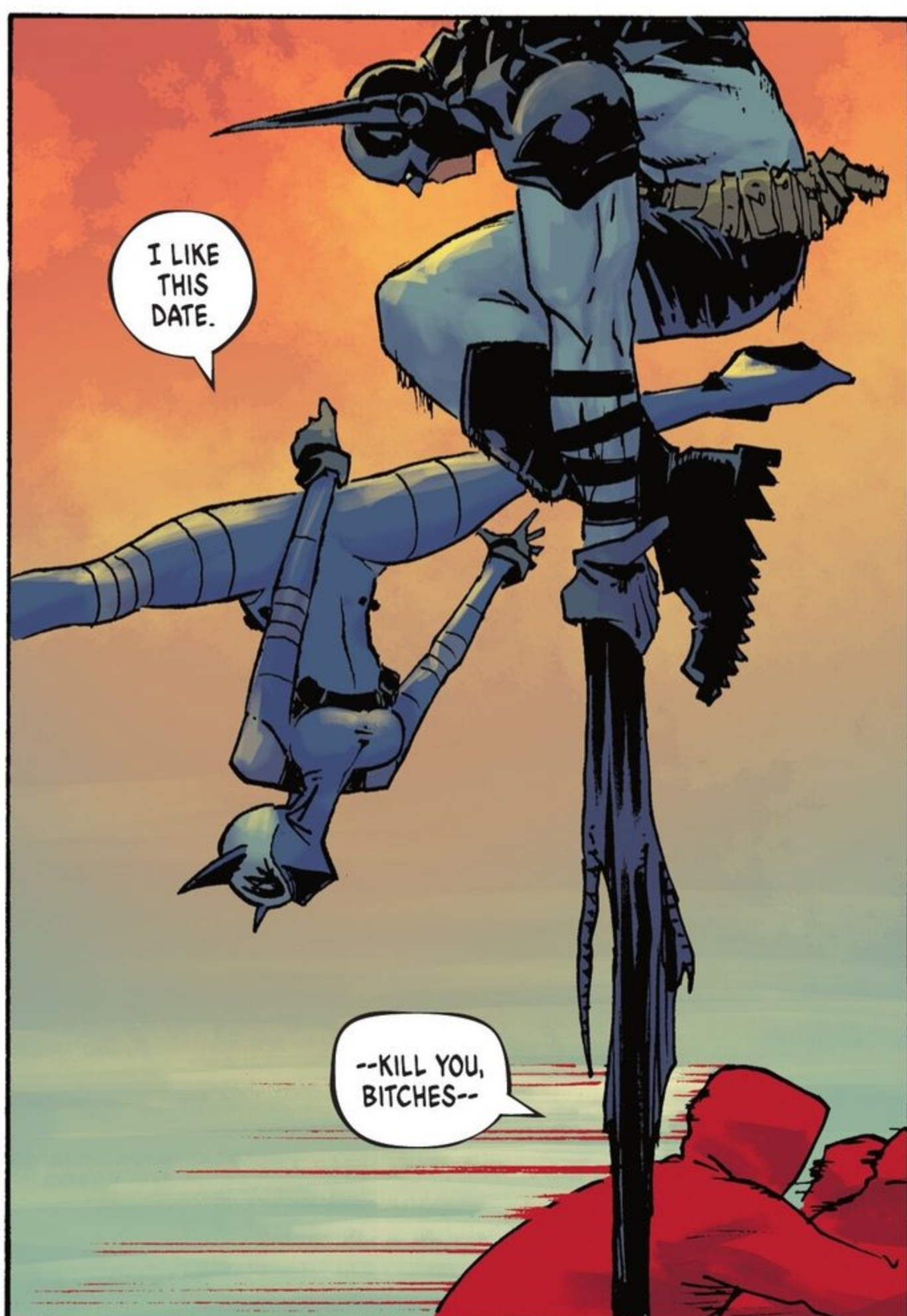
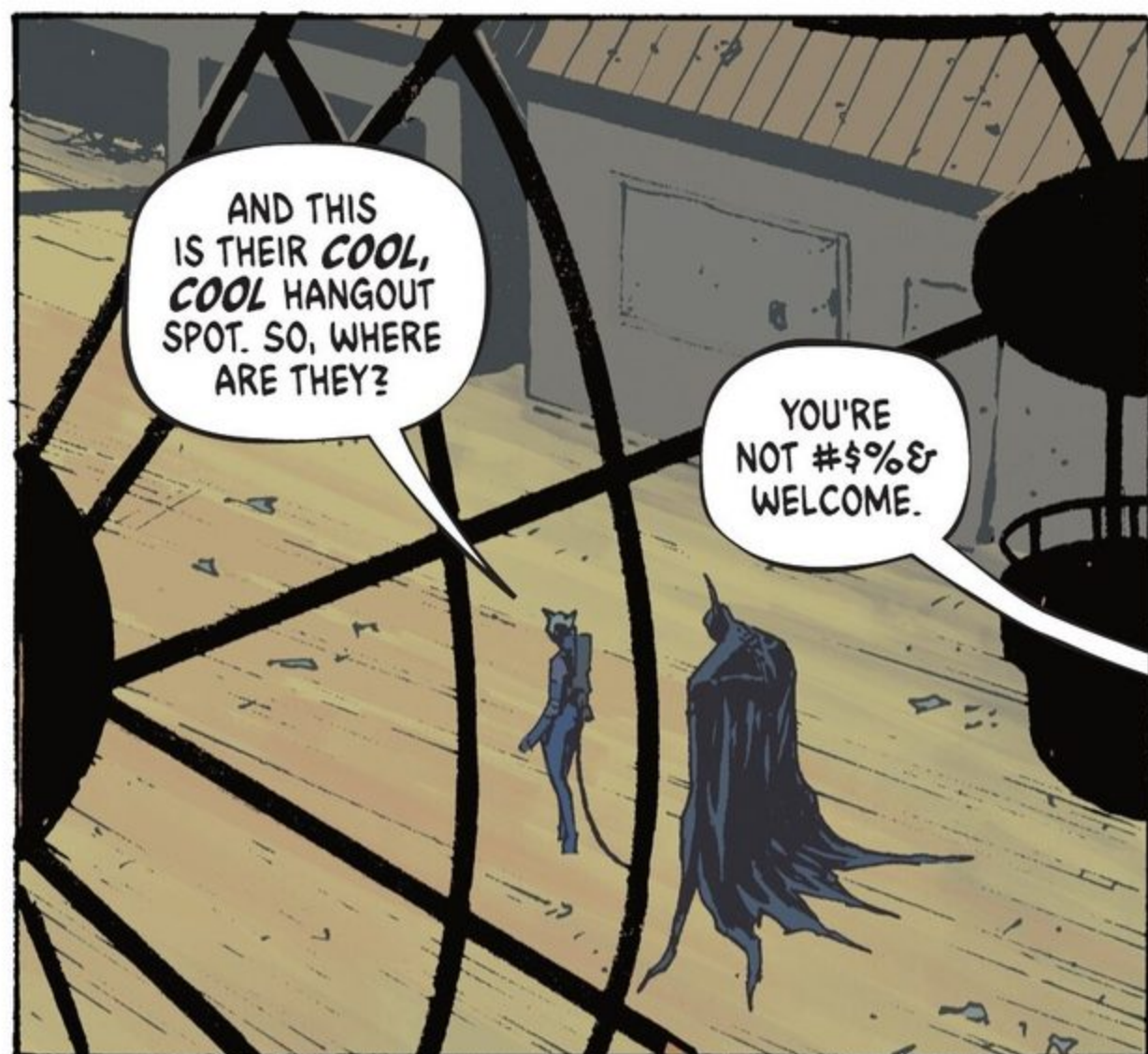


















UHHH!

HOLY...
LOOK AT HIM!
HE'S ONE OF
THEM!

BOSS WAS
RIGHT! THEY
ARE MAKING
MONSTERS...

BRUCE,
LISTEN TO MY
VOICE. I'M RIGHT
HERE...



...YOU *NEED*
TO CALM DOWN.
OKAY? GET IT UNDER
CONTROL.

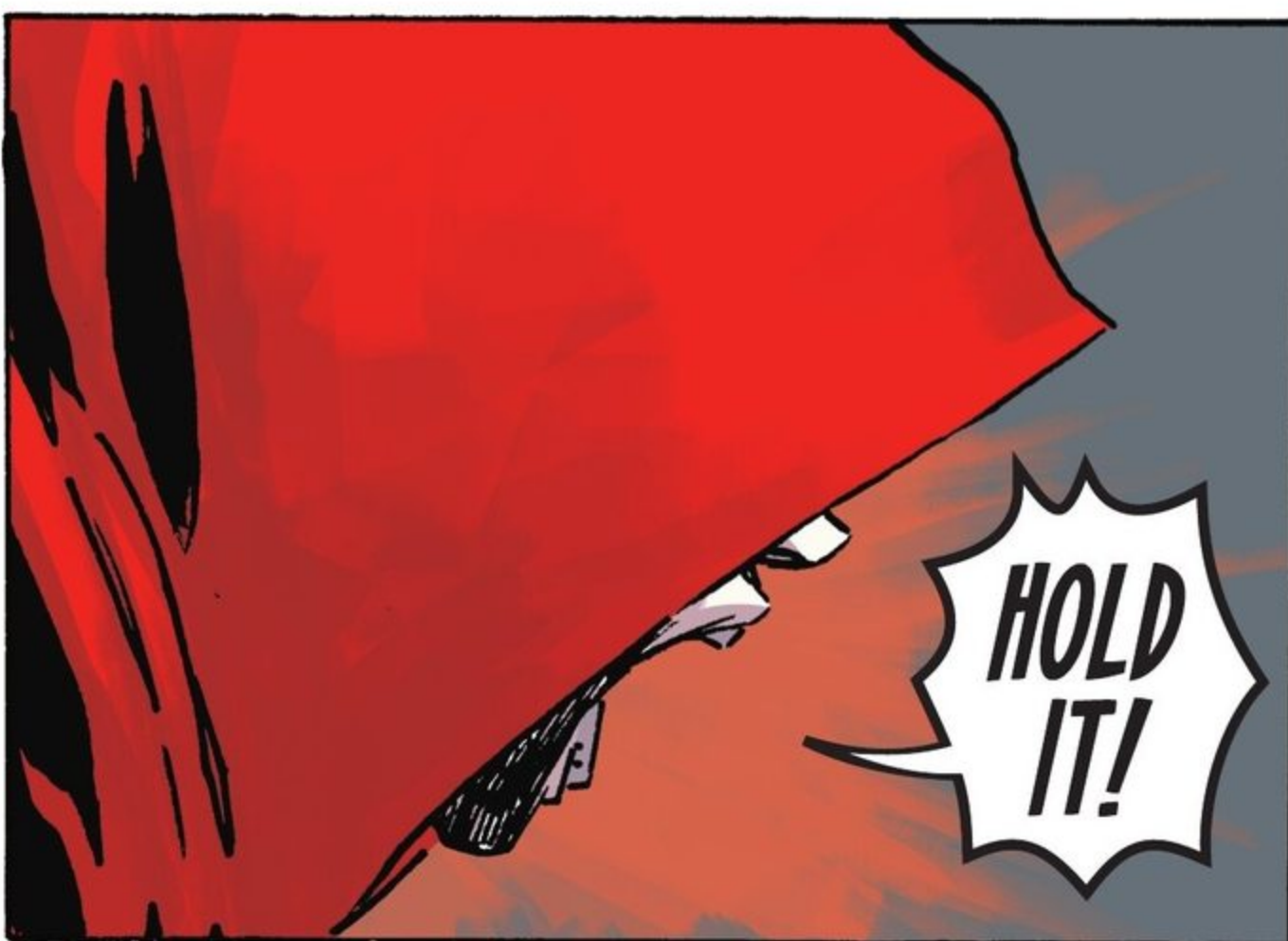


NOW'S OUR
CHANCE! WHILE
HE'S--

WAIT. I TOLD
YOU TO STAND DOWN
BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS
THEY ALMOST BROKE ME.
IN A PLACE CALLED *ARK M*,
WHERE THEY *DO* MAKE
MONSTERS. ABOMINATIONS
LIKE A MAN CALLED
BANE.

BUT THEY
DIDN'T BREAK ME.
AND NOW I'M GOING
TO *DESTROY* HIM. AND
NOT JUST HIM. HIS BOSSES,
ARK M... I'M GOING TO BURN
IT *ALL* TO THE &\$%#@
GROUND. BUT I NEED
YOUR HELP.

YOU'RE THE
ABOMINATION, MAN!
GET 'EM!



*HOLD
IT!*



I WAS
NEVER SURE
ABOUT YOU. I'M STILL
NOT. BUT IF YOU'RE
REALLY TALKING
ABOUT BURNING
DOWN *ARK M*...

...NOW
YOU'RE SPEAKIN'
MY @#%\$%
LANGUAGE.

NAME'S
HARLEY QUINN.
LEADER OF THE
RED HOOD.

SO
WHAT'S THE
PLAN?





GOOD NEWS.
WE'VE MANAGED
TO PUSH YOUR SYSTEM
EVEN **FURTHER**. AS OF
THIS MOMENT, YOU'RE
OFFICIALLY AT
**MAXIMUM
INFUSION**.

WE NEVER
IMAGINED A HUMAN
BODY COULD REACH THESE
LEVELS...IF I MAY SAY SO,
IT'S A REAL INSPIRATION
WORKING WITH YOU, BANE.
YOU'RE A DAMN
UNICORN.

"A WILD ASS, GOOD FOR WORK, WHOSE MEAT IS
TOO BITTER TO EAT." THAT'S FROM THE FIRST
EVER DESCRIPTION OF A UNICORN, DOCTOR.
CTESIAS, FIFTH CENTURY B.C.

SOON YOU'LL
HAVE MY **REPLACEMENT**,
AND **HE'LL** HAVE HIS NEW
BANE. THEN, I'LL FINALLY
GO HOME.



FORGIVE
ME FOR
ASKING, BUT...
YOU REALLY
BELIEVE **HE'LL**
LET YOU
GO?

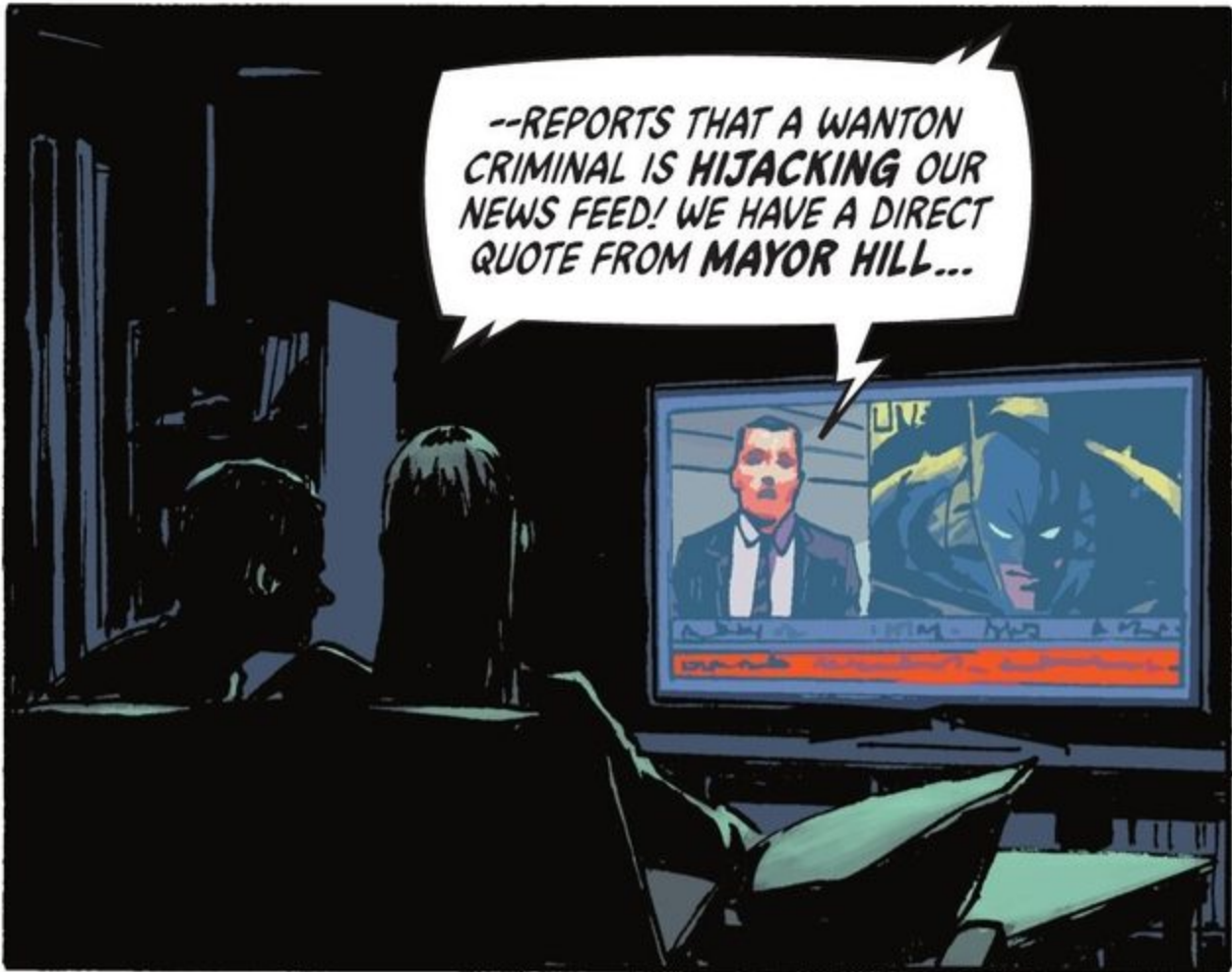


HE HAS
TO. I'VE GIVEN
HIM EVERYTHING.
ANY MOMENT NOW,
BATMAN WILL
GIVE IN AND MY
WORK WILL
BE OVER.



DOCTOR!

YOU'RE
GOING TO
WANT TO SEE
THIS.



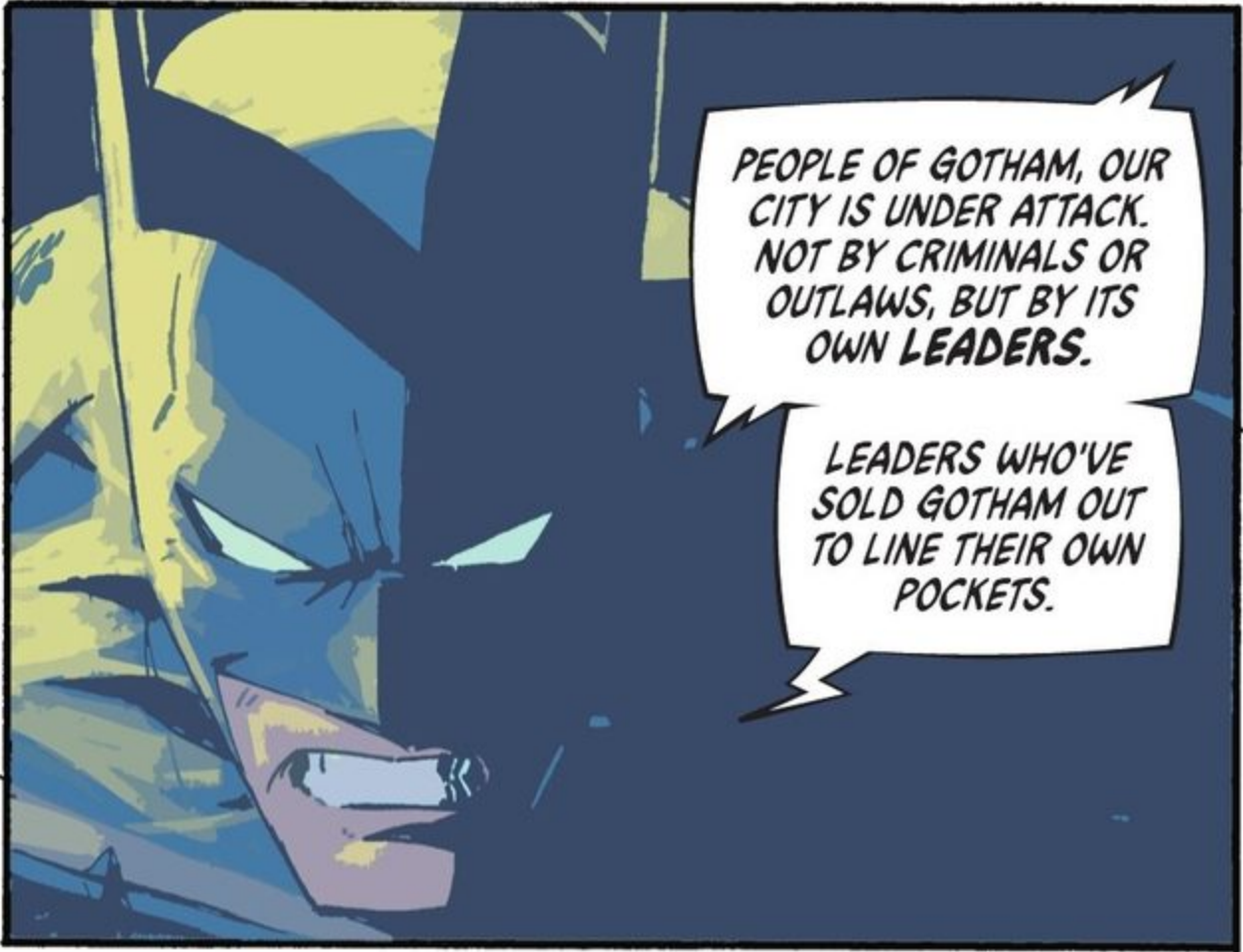
--REPORTS THAT A WANTON CRIMINAL IS **HIJACKING** OUR NEWS FEED! WE HAVE A DIRECT QUOTE FROM **MAYOR HILL**...



HE SAYS, "MY FELLOW GOTHAMITES, I IMPORE YOU NOT TO LISTEN TO A WORD THIS MASKED LUNATIC--"

SHUT UP.

BREAKING NEWS



PEOPLE OF GOTHAM, OUR CITY IS UNDER ATTACK. NOT BY CRIMINALS OR OUTLAWS, BUT BY ITS OWN **LEADERS**.

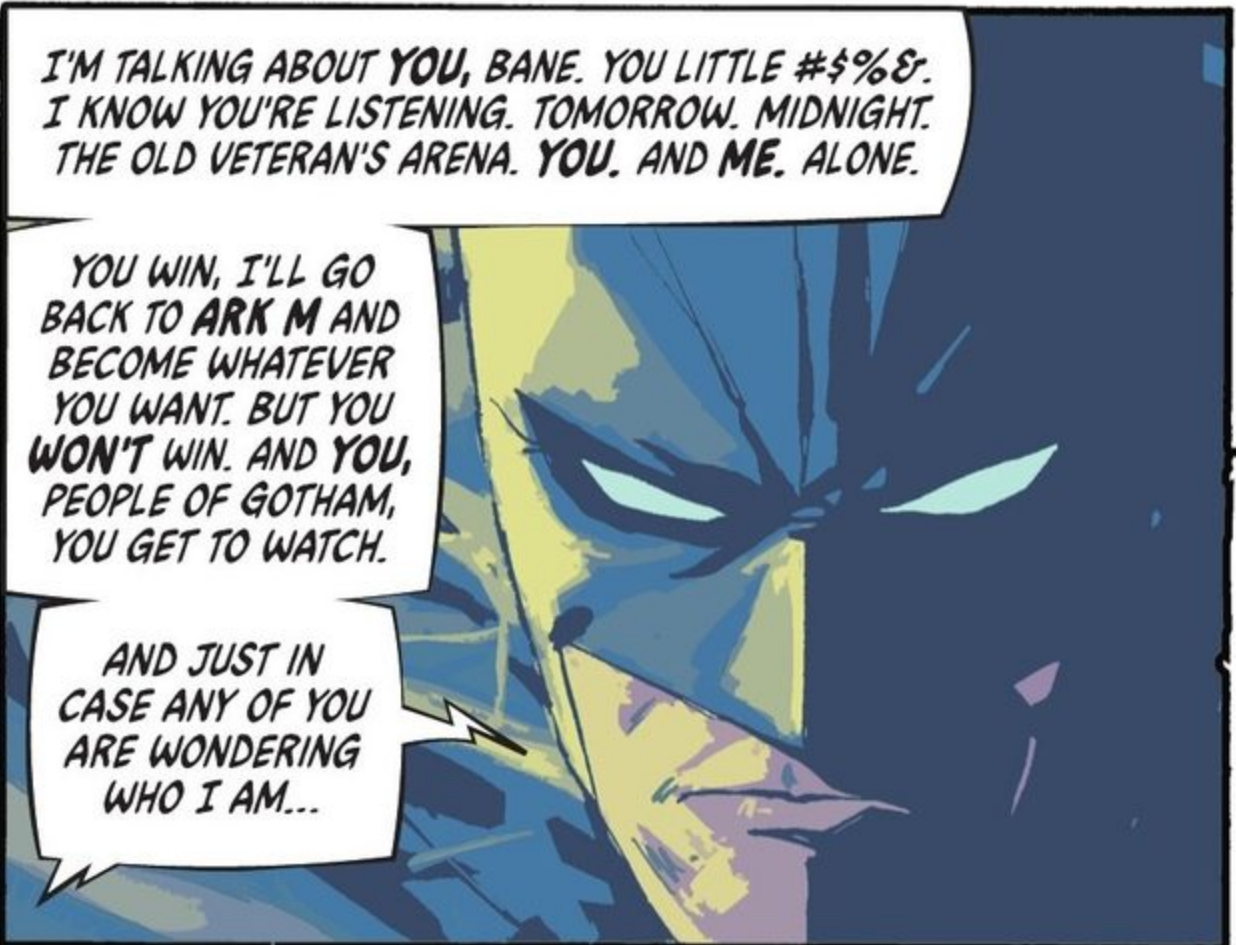
LEADERS WHO'VE SOLD GOTHAM OUT TO LINE THEIR OWN POCKETS.



THEY'VE SOLD OUR SAFETY, OUR FREEDOM...THERE'S **NOTHING** THEY WON'T SELL. THEY'VE EVEN SOLD THE **GROUND** BENEATH OUR FEET, WHERE RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE GROWING ACTUAL **MONSTERS**, HORRORS TOO TERRIBLE TO IMAGINE.



I TRIED TO SHOW YOU WITH BLACK MASK, BUT I MADE THE MISTAKE OF RELYING ON THE **NETWORKS**. NOT ANYMORE. **THIS TIME**, I'LL SHOW YOU **MYSELF**. BECAUSE I'M GOING TO DRAG ONE OF THESE MONSTERS OUT INTO THE LIGHT FOR ALL OF YOU TO SEE. AND THEN I'M GOING TO BEAT HIS ASS.



I'M TALKING ABOUT **YOU**, BANE. YOU LITTLE #\$\$%&. I KNOW YOU'RE LISTENING. TOMORROW. MIDNIGHT. THE OLD VETERAN'S ARENA. **YOU**. AND ME. ALONE.

YOU WIN, I'LL GO BACK TO **ARK M** AND BECOME WHATEVER YOU WANT. BUT YOU **WON'T** WIN. AND **YOU**, PEOPLE OF GOTHAM, YOU GET TO WATCH.

AND JUST IN CASE ANY OF YOU ARE WONDERING WHO I AM...

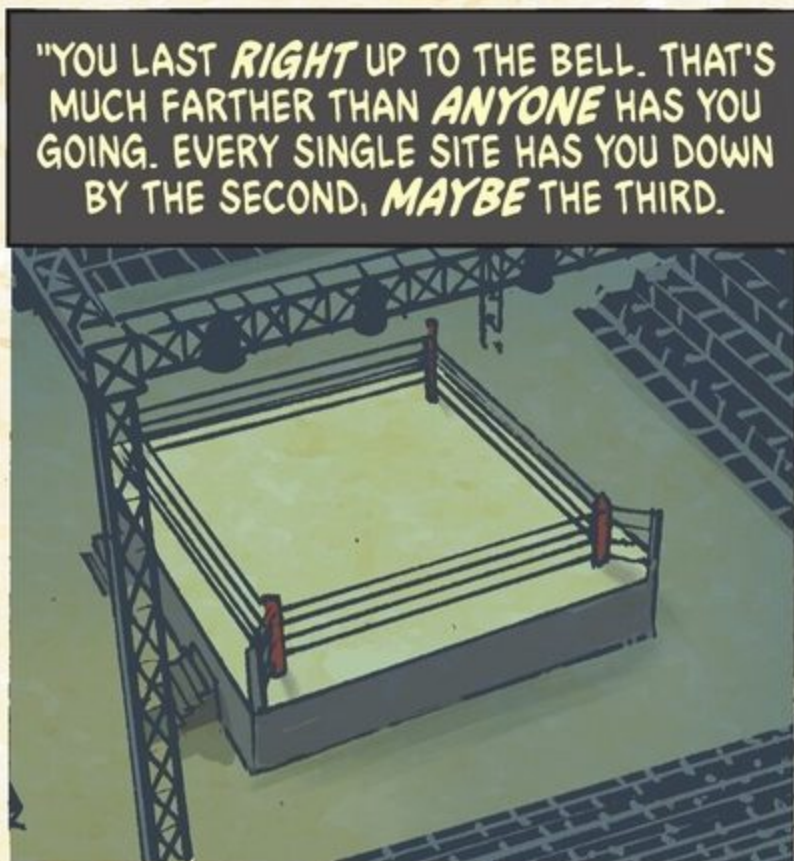


...I'M **BATMAN.**

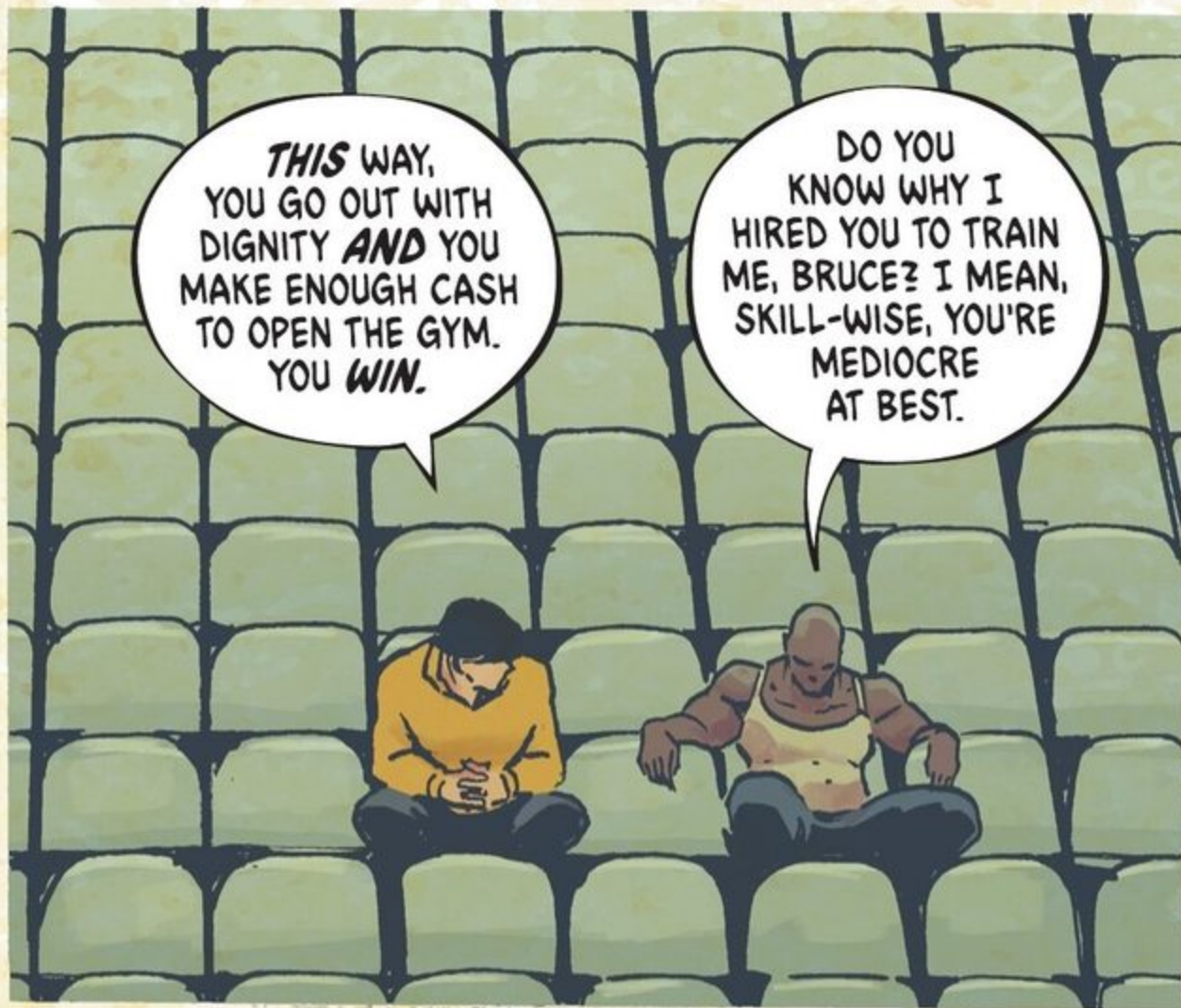


"ALL THE WAY TO THE SEVENTH..."

"THE *END* OF THE SEVENTH, WAY."



"YOU LAST *RIGHT* UP TO THE BELL. THAT'S MUCH FARTHER THAN *ANYONE* HAS YOU GOING. EVERY SINGLE SITE HAS YOU DOWN BY THE SECOND, *MAYBE* THE THIRD."



THIS WAY, YOU GO OUT WITH DIGNITY *AND* YOU MAKE ENOUGH CASH TO OPEN THE GYM. YOU *WIN*.

DO YOU KNOW WHY I HIRED YOU TO TRAIN ME, BRUCE? I MEAN, SKILL-WISE, YOU'RE MEDIOCRE AT BEST.



I *HIRED* YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND. GUYS LIKE BIBBO, FALCONE... THEY'RE *RUINING* OUR CITY. SO NO, I DON'T WANT TO CUT A *DEAL* WITH THEM.

I WANT TO *BEAT* THEM. *HERE*. IN *THIS* RING. WITH SOMEONE IN MY CORNER WHO *BELIEVES* IN ME, MAN. BELIEVES IN ALL OF IT. AND WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, YOU, ME, THE ODDS WE'VE OVERCOME? I THOUGHT *YOU* WERE THAT PERSON. BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG.



SO YOU, BRUCE WAYNE, ARE *FIRE*D.

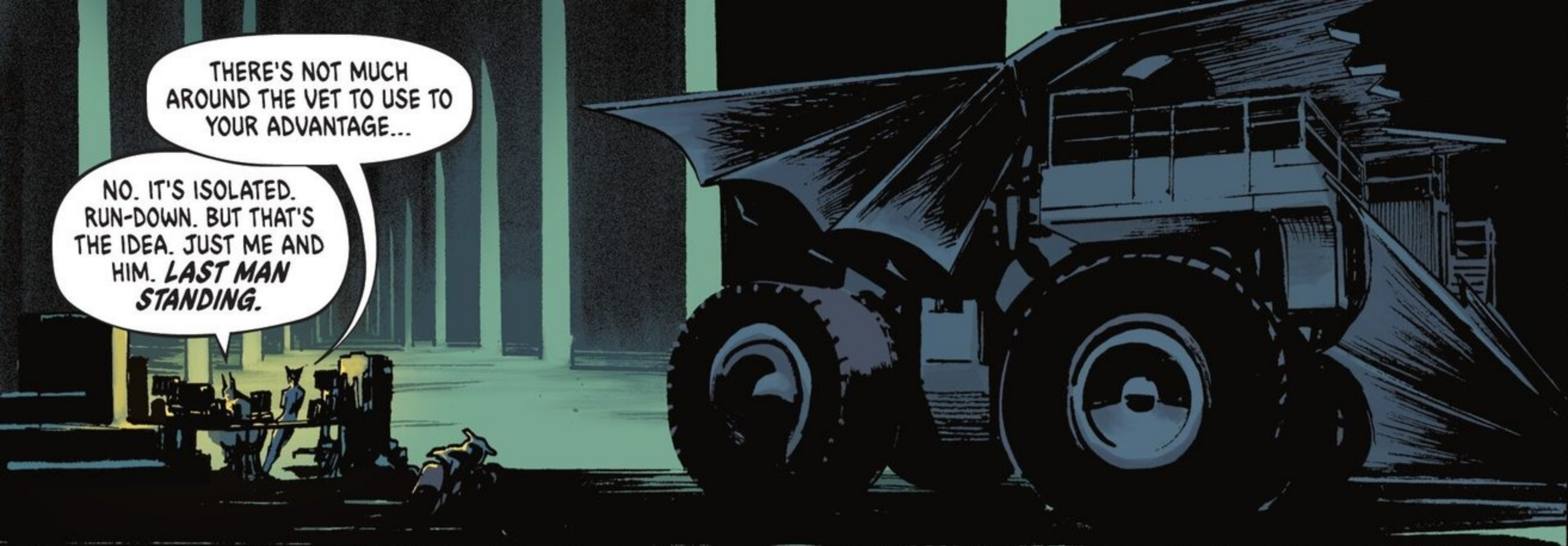


WAY--

NO! AND I'M GOING *PAST* THE SEVENTH! I'M GOING TO *WIN* THE WHOLE THING. NOW *GO!* GET OUT OF HERE!



I HAVE A FIGHT TO GET READY FOR.



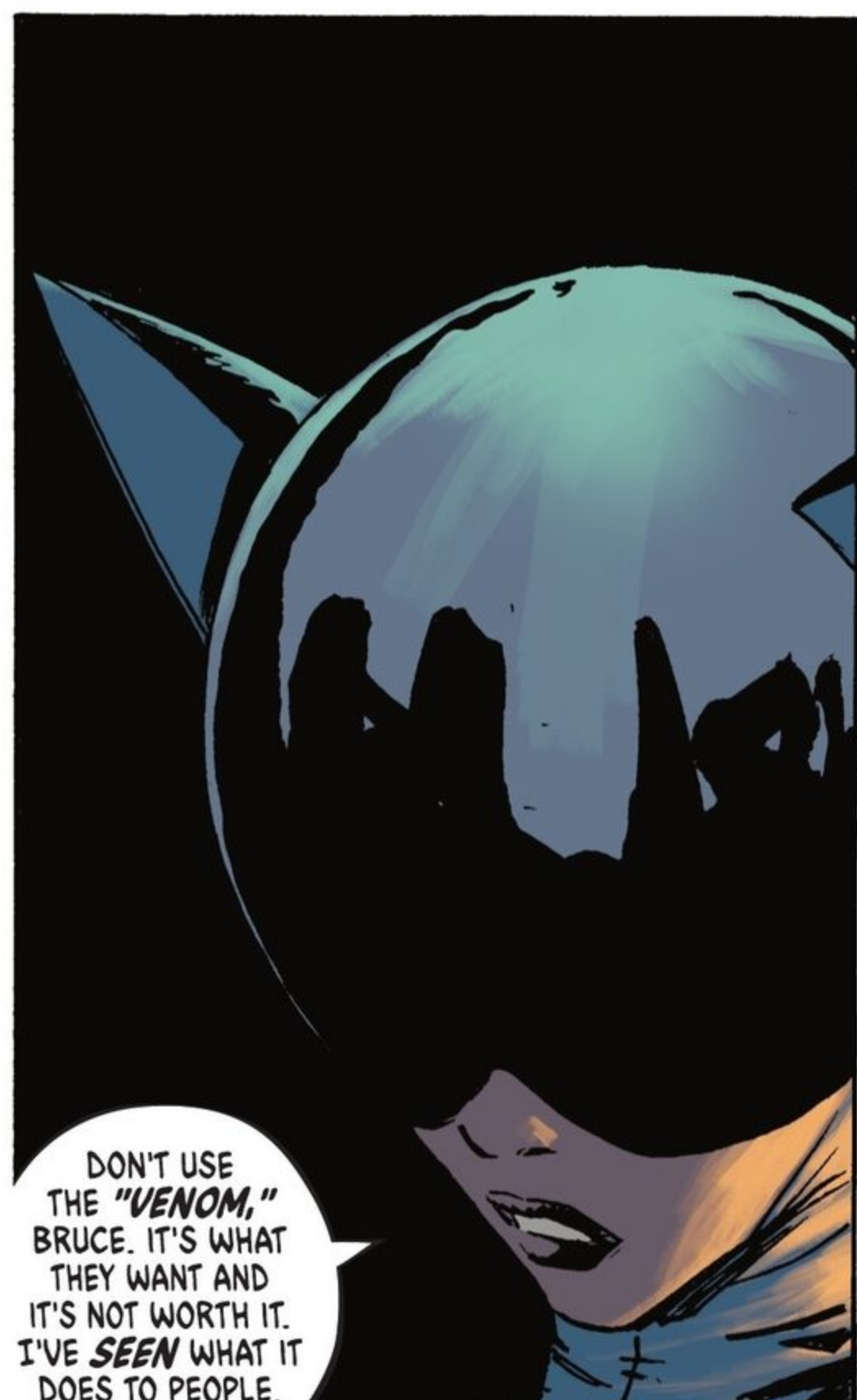
THERE'S NOT MUCH
AROUND THE VET TO USE TO
YOUR ADVANTAGE...

NO. IT'S ISOLATED.
RUN-DOWN. BUT THAT'S
THE IDEA. JUST ME AND
HIM. **LAST MAN
STANDING.**



I GET
IT. I JUST...
NEED YOU TO
PROMISE ME
ONE THING.

AND
WHAT'S
THAT?



DON'T USE
THE "**VENOM,**"
BRUCE. IT'S WHAT
THEY WANT AND
IT'S NOT WORTH IT.
I'VE **SEEN** WHAT IT
DOES TO PEOPLE.



WHAT IT DOES TO PEOPLE? SE, WHEN I USED IT, I COULD SEE EVERY
MOVE THOSE RED HOOD KIDS WERE GOING TO MAKE. I WAS TEN
STEPS AHEAD. **FIFTY** STEPS. I JUST HAVE TO LEARN TO CONTROL IT.
BUT VENOM IS THE **ONLY** WAY I CAN WIN.

IT'S **NOT**
THE ONLY WAY.
YOU HAVE PEOPLE
WHO CAN HELP.
I CAN HELP.



YOU
HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM,
WHAT HE
CAN DO.



BUT I *HAVE*. AND THEY'RE *MY* FRIENDS, TOO, BRUCE. EVEN WHEN I'M NOT HERE. I WANT TO TAKE THIS BANE DOWN AS BADLY AS YOU DO. BUT NOT LIKE THIS.

"IF THE RULES AREN'T FAIR, STOP PLAYING BY THEM." SOUND FAMILIAR?

...MAYBE I WAS WRONG.



EASY TO SAY *NOW*. LOOK AT YOUR HELMET. YOUR GEAR. DON'T TELL ME YOU GOT WHERE YOU ARE BY PLAYING CLEAN.

NO, I DIDN'T. BUT YOU'RE BETTER THAN THIS. YOU ALWAYS WERE.

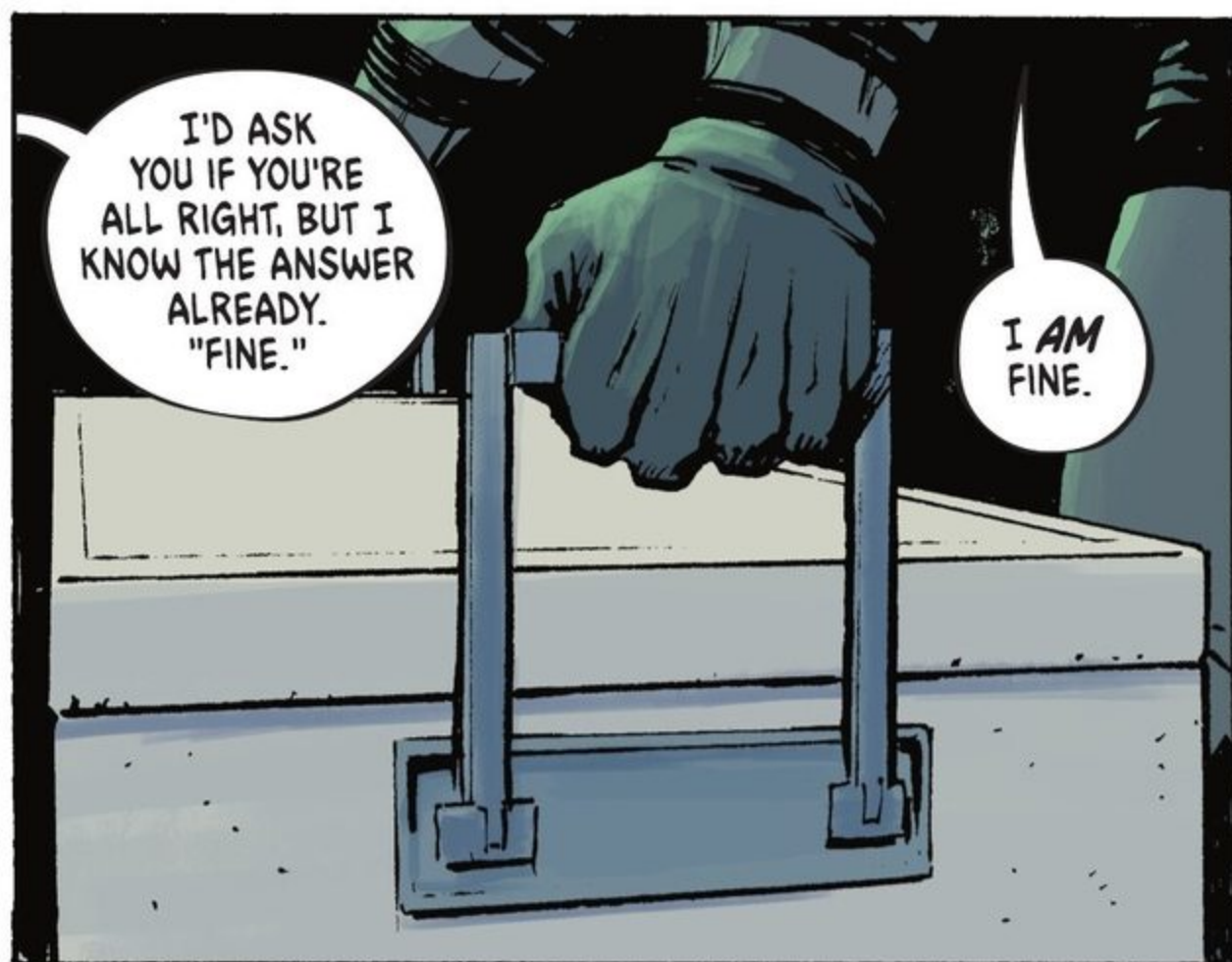


NOT ANYMORE. I'M GOING TO @3\$% *WRECK* HIM, SE. AND I'M *USING* THE VENOM. IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT... THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO. AGAIN.

....
MAYBE I SHOULD. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, WAYNE.



DON'T LET THE DOOR HIT YOU...



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BLACK CANARY

BEST OF THE BEST

**BLACK CANARY VS.
LADY SHIVA!**

**SIX ROUNDS.
ONE CHAMPION.**

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